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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at Oakland and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended January 23, 1909.

Sick inspected	10
Plague	0
Dead inspected	101
Plague	0
Premises inspected	9,553
Houses disinfected	8
Houses destroyed	5
Buildings condemned	10
Nuisances abated	700
Rats found dead	77
Rats trapped	2,122
Total rats taken	2,199
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus	1,563
Mus rattus	55
Mus musculus	529
Total	2,147
Rats identified as to sex	1,555
Male	650
Female	905
Rats examined bacteriologically	1,487
Plague rats	0
Poisons placed	74,140

OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

Week ended January 16, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	27
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	1
Premises inspected.....	723
Nuisances abated.....	145
Premises cleaned.....	180
Garbage cans installed.....	137
Places made rat proof.....	5
Rats found dead.....	12
Rats trapped.....	678
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	625
Plague rats.....	0
Mice trapped.....	66
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	66
Plague mice.....	0
Poisons placed.....	3, 355

Week ended January 23, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	22
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	4
Premises inspected.....	663
Nuisances abated.....	121
Premises cleaned.....	149
Garbage cans installed.....	125
Places made rat proof.....	9
Rats found dead.....	34
Rats trapped.....	644
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	647
Plague rats.....	0
Mice trapped.....	24
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	24
Plague mice.....	0
Poisons placed.....	8, 762

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended January 16.

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	490
Nuisances abated.....	28
Rats found dead.....	21
Rats trapped.....	43
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	45
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	14, 000

Week ended January 23.

Sick inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	490
Nuisances abated.....	25
Rats found dead.....	21
Rats trapped.....	43
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	33
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	14, 000

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended January 16.

Sick inspected	7
Plague	0
Dead inspected	60
Plague	0
Necropsy held	1

Week ended January 23.

Sick inspected	14
Plague	0
Dead inspected	47
Plague	0
Necropsies held	4

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended January 16.

Dead inspected	4
Plague	0
Necropsies held	3

Week ended January 23.

Dead inspected	3
Plague	0
Ranches inspected	46
Ranches found free from squirrels	4
Ranches poisoning squirrels	1
Ranches refusing to poison squirrels	1
Necropsy held	1

Report from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, January 25:

SEATTLE, WASH.

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

Week ended January 23, 1909.

Rats received	954
Rats necropsied	877
Plague rats	0
Plague infected rats to date	21
Vessels inspected	19
Vessels fumigated	0

Report from Cairo, Ill.—Smallpox—Vaccination.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, January 28:

Smallpox has increased in prevalence in Cairo during the last few weeks. There are probably more than 100 cases now under treatment. A physician has been appointed by the mayor to take charge of the situation. Formerly a nonmedical man was acting as health officer. Vaccination is being urged on the people through the physicians and the schools.

All patients whether admitted to the Marine Hospital or treated as out-patients are vaccinated without regard to whether they have old scars or not. All persons living on the reservation have been recently vaccinated.

Crews of vessels are vaccinated at the request of captains, and captains are advised that vaccination be done.